

REMARKS

No claims have been canceled, amended or added in this paper. Therefore, claims 8 and 10-31, all of which have been allowed, are pending.

The specification has been amended to include a statement regarding federally sponsored research or development. No new matter is added thereby.

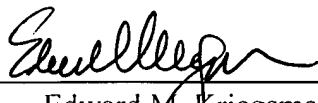
In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for issuance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 11-1755. If a fee is

required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 that is not accounted for already, such an extension of time is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

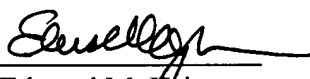
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